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channel identifier	program channel downstream frequency	PID	selection status	replacement status
CH ₁	F ₁	PID ₁	selected	available
CH ₂	F ₂	PID ₂	not selected	available
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(57) Abstract: An upstream distribution point of a video distribution system adjusts programming to replace content that is not selected. In particular, an upstream distribution point of a cable broadcast system receives tuning data representing the currently tuned, or selected, program from one or more set-top boxes via Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) signaling. The up-
stream distribution point collects the tuning data from the one, or more, set-top boxes and replaces at least one of those programs not selected with alternative programming or content.

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